

# SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



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## City of San Ramon Police Department Reports on Successful New Programs

**J**uly 1, 2007 marked the beginning of the San Ramon Police Department. For the previous 23 years, the City contracted for its Police Services with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. On June 30, the Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Abram Wilson to 56 Sworn Peace Officers, 20 Civilian Employees, 24 Volunteers and Police Chaplains. The new Department represents a total of 655 years of law enforcement.

The City has seen an increase in service in the first eight months of existence. We have emphasized more community involvement and ownership with increased presence in our schools.

We have seen an increase in our calls for service in the year 2007 to an all time high of 57,040. Of those, 31,710 were officer initiated contacts which include traffic enforcement stops, suspicious vehicle or persons contacts, and other service related details. There were a total of 779 arrests and 12,539 traffic citations issued.

All of the Tri-Valley cities



*Police Dept. Photo by Randy Wong Photography*

experienced an increase in property crimes. Most notably were auto burglaries and auto thefts. Investigations Division was assigned these cases and have served 46 search warrants, conducted 17 probation and parole searches, and made 25 arrests leading to the recovery of \$600,000 in stolen property. Our closure rate for felony cases increased from 37% in 2006 to 54% in 2007.

One of the programs instituted – Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, is designed to work with tenants, owners and managers of rental properties to reduce crime within the rental community. In a few short months, we realized a 21% decrease in calls for service, a 34% decrease in reports taken and an 18% increase in arrests. The program is working and

is a fine example of police and community working together to improve the quality of life in and around our rental communities.

Active in Youth Services programs, the department held its first Youth Police Academy with 14 participants, and also began a new program

called "My Beat – My School". Officers are encouraged to learn the beat (area of the city) as well as engage with the community within that beat. Youth are our greatest resource and our officers are attending school functions frequently, making a presence on the campuses during the morning drop-off and afternoon student pick-ups, and during recess periods. As a result, we have received numerous positive comments from school staff and parents.

Overall, our first eight months have been outstanding. We are here to serve our residents and always seek out ways to improve our effectiveness. We encourage public comment and suggestions to continually improve on our service. Our goal is to provide quality, professional service while being responsive to the needs of our community.

# San Ramon applies for Sphere of Influence Amendment for Tassajara Valley

**W**ith the adoption of the voter approved General Plan 2020 in March 2002, San Ramon residents took the next step in planning the future of San Ramon. Approval of the General Plan 2020 included the expansion of the City's Planning Area Boundary to include the Tassajara Valley, referring to it as the Eastside Specific Plan Area. The General Plan 2020 limits development in the Tassajara Valley to existing uses but contemplates the development of a specific plan to guide the future of the Valley. Preparation of the Eastside Specific Plan is intended to coincide with the public vote in 2010 to re-establish the City's Urban Growth Boundary. An amendment to the City's Sphere of Influence would enable the City to cooperatively join the County and area landowners in initiating the Eastside Specific Plan planning process. To prepare the Eastside Specific Plan for the Tassajara Valley by 2010, the City has taken the first step by proposing a Sphere of Influence Amendment to provide certainty as we move forward with the planning process.

*General Plan 2020 – Future San Ramon*



On February 4, 2008 the City of San Ramon prepared and released an environmental document, known as an Initial Study/Negative Declaration, analyzing the potential environmental impacts of a Sphere of Influence Amendment for the Tassajara Valley. Completion of this environmental review is necessary to file the Sphere of Influence Amendment with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The Sphere of Influence Amendment will not result in any new development. Further, a future Eastside Specific Plan will require public input and substantial environmental review. Based on the policies contained within the voter approved General Plan 2020,

it is appropriate for the City Council to proceed with a request to LAFCO to modify the City's Sphere of Influence to include the Tassajara Valley Planning Area.

The Sphere of Influence Amendment application is the necessary first step in the planning process envisioned by the General Plan 2020. The City has received a

request from LAFCO to delay the submittal of the application to accommodate the regularly scheduled Municipal Service Review which analyzes existing city service levels. It is expected that LAFCO will act on the City's Municipal Service Review in the late spring/early summer. The City Council has agreed to delay action on the Initial Study/Negative Declaration and Sphere of Influence Amendment application and will schedule a future meeting to coincide with the LAFCO Municipal Service Review timeline. The City will provide public notice prior to any future City Council meeting concerning the Tassajara Valley Planning Sphere of Influence Amendment application.

## Street Sweeping Schedule



The Public Services Department provides street sweeping throughout the city. Residential streets are swept twice a month, and commercial areas weekly. Sweeping does not take place on rainy days.

View street sweeping schedule on City website: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/stsweeping.asp](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/stsweeping.asp)

### What can you do to help?

- **Remove any vehicle or trailers parked on the street** - The street sweepers often have to go around parked cars in residential areas, missing vital portions of gutter-way/street and leaving unsightly debris that can reduce the flow of water into the storm drain system.
- **No garbage cans, yard waste and any other obstructions (including basketball stands) in the street during sweep day**

Do not place garbage cans and yard waste in the street more than 24 hours before pick-up, and remember retrieve Cans when empty.

- **Keep trees trimmed** - Low hanging trees can damage street sweepers and must be trimmed to accommodate a 14' 6" clearance. If the sweeper cannot safely drive under a tree, the driver will sweep around the tree.



# San Ramon to Host Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Drop-off Events

## Don't let this happen!



Hazardous waste generated by residents and businesses can reach our waterways and groundwater and pollute the local environment through sewers, storm drains, runoff, and leaking landfills. If hazardous products & materials are not disposed of properly, they can be hazardous to our health and to the environment. Hazardous waste in landfills is dangerous as well. Paint, motor oil, pesticides and other household chemicals must never be dumped down the drain or put into the trash because they can harm people, contaminate groundwater, clog storm drains and damage plumbing systems.

In order to provide environmentally responsible disposal options for these hazardous materials, the City is sponsoring **Two Drop-off Events This June:**

### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

**When:** Saturday, June 7

**Where:** San Ramon, call 800-207-8222 to make an appointment.

**Who:** Open to residents from San Ramon, Alamo, Blackhawk, Danville, Diablo, Lafayette, Orinda, Moraga, and Walnut Creek. Appointment and proof of address required.

**What:** Paint, pesticides, motor oil, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, propane cylinders, cleaners, and other household chemicals. *No electronic waste.*

**Cost:** Free

**Appointment:** You must make an appointment before noon on Tuesday, June 3. Call: 800-207-8222.

**Questions:** Call 925-973-2800

### Free Electronic Waste Drop-off

**When:** Saturday and Sunday, June 14 and 15, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Iron Horse Middle School, South Parking Lot, 12601 Alcosta Blvd. San Ramon

**Who:** Open to all California residents and businesses.

**What:** Televisions, computers/computer components, monitors, palm pilots, scanners, printers, copy & fax machines, stereos, CD's/DVD's, video games, wiring, microwave ovens, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries. *No other household hazardous wastes or appliances.*

**Cost:** Free

**Appointment:** No appointments needed.

**Questions:** Call: 925-973-2800 or (888) 832-9839 or email Universal Waste Management, Inc. at [www.Unwaste.com](http://www.Unwaste.com)

## It's Spring — Are you ready for your Garage Sale?

As the Spring season approaches and the weather changes to those warm spring days, it is usually the time when residents take the opportunity to clean out their closets and garage. To assist residents in recycling unwanted items, the City of San Ramon encourages residents to host garage sales as a great way to recycle your unwanted household items and make money while doing it. To assist residents, the City Council adopted new regulations for advertising and conducting garage sales. The new regulations require a no-fee registration either by mail, e-mail, phone, fax or in person at the Planning Services Division.

Registration is simple and easy. We will need you to provide your name, address, and phone number, (email address is recommended but not required), and the date and time of your garage sale. Through the City's website, you will also have the ability to have your garage sale advertised. Just let us know when you register if you would like your address and the date and time of the garage sale listed. We can also list the general items you are selling or the theme of your garage sale (e.g., household goods, sports items, baby things, etc.).

Garage sales are permitted on two consecutive days during weekends and national holidays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and three times a year. In addition, you may locate one sign on your property and four additional off-site directional signs on private property. To keep San Ramon beautiful, signs may not be posted on the light posts, traffic signal posts, sidewalk, fire hydrant, and any other public properties and right-of-ways.

If you have any questions, or to register for your upcoming garage sale please contact us at:

**Mail/Office:** City of San Ramon, Planning Services  
2226 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, CA 94583

**E-Mail:** [Planning@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:Planning@sanramon.ca.gov)

**Phone:** (925) 973-2560 **Fax:** (925) 806-0118

*The office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday, except holidays.*



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## Postal Customer

# City Responds to Infrastructure Emergencies



- Intersection lighting out or flashing
- Debris in roadway
- Tree limbs blocking road/sidewalk
- Manhole cover missing
- Severe sidewalk/curb/gutter damage
- Plugged catch basin (during storm season)

- Hazardous waste spills
- Large sink hole
- Sewer backup
- Water line break

*If you observe a maintenance emergency after-hours, please call Police Dispatch at (925) 973-2779. Police Dispatch will contact City stand-by staff.*

San Ramon's Emergency Stand-by Program provides for after hours and weekend emergency response by Public Services Department to incidents involving the City's infrastructure to ensure public safety and to protect the City's assets.

### After hours are defined as:

- Weekdays after 4 PM
- Weekends starting at 4 PM Friday through 7 am Monday morning
- Holidays

### Examples of Problems requiring Immediate Attention:

- Traffic signal malfunction
- Traffic signs down/missing

## HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT & LOAN PROGRAMS

The City of San Ramon has three programs to assist eligible homeowners with needed home repairs and exterior enhancement improvements.

- The Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program provides a grant for up to \$5000 for smaller scale home repair projects.
- The Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program provides up to \$35,000 deferred loan assistance at 3% interest for larger scale home repairs projects.
- The Exterior Enhancement Rebate Program provides a rebate of up to \$2,000 for exterior improvements.

The following income limits apply:

Persons in Family	Median Income
1	\$58,700
2	\$67,000
3	\$75,400
4	\$83,800
5	\$90,500

**Call (925) 973-2596 for complete details.**



## Contact Information

### City Council:

H. Abram Wilson, Mayor  
Jim Livingstone, Vice Mayor  
Dave Hudson, Councilmember  
Scott Perkins, Councilmember  
Carol J. Rowley, Councilmember

### Helpful San Ramon #'s

Building .....973-2580  
Business License .....973-2510  
City Clerk .....973-2539  
City Council .....973-2532  
Human Resources .....973-2503  
Dougherty Station Library .....973-3380  
San Ramon Library .....973-2850  
Passport Services .....973-2533  
Planning .....973-2560

Police .....973-2700  
Dougherty Station  
Police Sub Station .....973-3300  
San Ramon Community Center  
and Cental Park.....973-3200  
Dougherty Station  
Community Center .....973-3350  
Dougherty Station Aquatic Pool .....973-3335  
Senior Center .....973-3250  
Olympic Pool .....973-3240  
Public Services .....973-2800

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